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POLETTI, FINKELSTEIN TO SPEAK IN ANNIVERSARY SERMON CYCLE

In celebration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the founding of the Park Avenue Synagogue, the congregation has set the month of November as a time of special festivity. The four Friday evenings of the month will each be marked by special services of worship, at the first two of which guest lecturers will occupy the pulpit.

On Friday evening, November 7th, the congregation will have as its guest the Hon. Charles Poletti, Lieutenant Governor of the State of New York. Mr. Poletti as a representative of our general community will speak on the challenging theme, "Organized Religion and the Democratic Community."

On the following Friday evening, November 14th, the guest preacher will be Dr. Louis Finkelstein, President of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, whose message will center on the topic, "The Synagogue and the Jewish Community."

Special Services

Special services of worship have been prepared for each of the four Friday evenings. The music for each of these services will be distinctive in that it will conform to the specific themes.

An Oneg Shabbat conducted by the Sisterhood will follow each service. With these special services late Friday evening worship is resumed in our Synagogue.

On the Friday evening of November 21st Rabbi Steinberg will speak on "The Jewish Situation, Then and Now." At the Oneg Shabbat on this occasion, old-timers of the Synagogue will engage in reminiscences, serious and humorous, of other days in the life of our congregation.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the Friday evening anniversary cycle is headed by Mr. Samuel Klein. It is composed of Messrs. Alex E. Arnstein, Bernard Botein, D. Leonard Cohen, Maurice Finkelstein, Walter M. Holdstein, George Lyttle, Nelson Miller, Harold P. Seligson, Irvin Waldman, and Fred J. Zeitz.

Every person in the congregation should attend the full cycle.

GALA BANQUET-DANCE SCHEDULED NOV. 30

To close the cycle of special celebrations commemorating the Sixtieth Anniversary of the founding of the Park Avenue Synagogue, a gala Banquet and Dance is to take place in the Grand Ball Room of the Hotel Plaza on Sunday evening, November 30th. The music will be provided by Dick Gasparre and his Persian Room Orchestra. The cuisine will be in conformity with traditional Jewish dietary regulations. For the entertainment many surprises are being planned.

Reservations are $7.50 per person. For the young people of the Synagogue, a special admission ticket at $1.50 is available for those who wish to attend the Dance only.

The committee which is planning the Banquet-Dance is headed by Mr. Milton Weill and is composed of Mrs. Fred Abrams, Mr. George L. Armour, Mr. Joseph Butler, Mrs Ezra Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford H. Cohen, Mr. Moe Gale, Mrs. Abraham Geller, Mrs. Leo Guggenheimer, Mr. and Mrs. Jules Haft, Mr. Saul Horowitz, Mr. Seymour Klein, Mr. Burton Mazur, Mrs. Jules Mendel, Mr. Alex Ostriker, Mrs. Edward Peiper, Mr. Eugene Picker, Mr. Saul Ritter, Mrs. Benjamin Sack, Mr. Abraham C. Schnee.

Reservations are now being made and all who have not yet done so are urged to communicate with the office or members of the committee. Reservations may be arranged for tables of 10 or 12.

REPRINTS OF RABBI STEINBERG'S ARTICLE NOW AVAILABLE

The article by Rabbi Steinberg which was printed in the Spring 1941 issue of "Common Ground" has been reprinted by the Reconstructionist Foundation in pamphlet form. Entitled "To Be or Not To Be a Jew," Rabbi Steinberg's essay evoked widespread and enthusiastic comment.

Copies will be distributed to *Scroll* readers by the Park Avenue Synagogue Publications Committee, an association of men who have volunteered to make available to our members the text of articles and sermons of significance of which Rabbi Steinberg is the author.

MUSIC PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER 7th and 14th

Ma Tovu ..... *Kirschner*
L'cho Dodi ..... *Nowakowsky*
Borchu, Shma, Mi Chomocho ..... *Schalit*
Hashkivenu ..... *Kellermann*
V'shomru ..... *Lewandowski*
May the Words ..... *Ephros*
Kiddush ..... *Zilberts*
Vaanachnu ..... *Binder*
Anthem: Nov. 7th—Psalm 127 ... *Kornitzer*
Anthem: Nov. 14th—Psalm 100 .. *Schlesinger*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, Nov. 4
First Aid Class—11 A.M.
Friday, Nov. 7
First Aid Class—11 A.M.
Sabbath Service—8:30 P.M.
Lt. Gov. Poletti, guest speaker.
Oneg Shabbat in Vestry.
Saturday, Nov. 8
Morning Service—9:30 A.M.
Junior Congregation Service—10:30 A.M.
Junior League Dance—8:30 P.M.
Sunday, Nov. 9
Sunday School Classes—9:45 A.M.
Monday, Nov. 10
Red Cross Group—10 A.M. to 4 P.M.
Adult Classes—7 P.M.
Tuesday, Nov. 11
First Aid Class—11 A.M.
Friday, Nov. 14
First Aid Class—11 A.M.
Sabbath Service—8:30 P.M.
Dr. Louis Finkelstein, guest preacher.
Oneg Shabbat in Vestry.
Saturday, Nov. 15
Morning Service—9:30 A.M.
Junior Congregation Service—10:30 A.M.
Sunday, Nov. 16
Sunday School Classes—9:45 A.M

SISTERHOOD FLASHES

The month of November brings home the fact that all activities are in full swing.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO SISTERHOOD MEMBERS!

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Louis Grossman has accepted the Chairmanship of our Sisterhood Committee for Federation.

All of us recognize that this year, of all years, Federation's 116 institutions, serving our home needs, have even a greater claim on our hearts and our purses than ever before. When you are called on for your contribution, do be *extra generous*. With your full cooperation, we will raise the largest sum in our history for Federation!

NEW MEMBERS

Since The Scroll last went to press our congregational roster has been enlarged by the affiliation of the following:

Mr. and Mrs Arthur Finston
Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Kornzweig
Dr. and Mrs. Girsch Astrachan
Col. and Mrs. R A. Steinberg
Mrs. Miriam B. Nevard
Dr. and Mrs. Louis Wender
Dr. and Mrs. H. Friedel
Dr and Mrs. Samuel Kulkin.

To one and all a very cordial welcome and the hope that they will participate in our Synagogue program to the full.

THE CHORAL GROUP

The Choral Group resumes its sessions for the fourth consecutive season on Monday, November 10th, at 8 P.M. in the Synagogue. This Group will meet regularly with Cantor Putterman every Monday from 8 to 9 P.M. for instruction in music for sight reading, voice production, and ensemble singing. It appears publicly at various Synagogue functions — singing folk, art and liturgical music. All those who enjoy singing are urged and invited to join as members.

NIGHT OF STARS

Mrs. Louis Grossman has assumed the double responsibility of serving as Vice-Chairman of the Women's Division for the "Night of Stars" and Co-Chairman with Mrs. Kevie Schwartz of the Park Avenue Sisterhood Committee organized to promote the sale of tickets for this outstanding event. The proceeds of this performance will benefit the three agencies of the United Jewish Appeal which are helping to alleviate the sufferings of our unfortunate brethren abroad and at home.

Reservations for the "Night of Stars" may be secured from Mrs. Grossman at 350 Central Park West and Mrs. Schwartz at 55 East 86th Street.

BAR MITZVAHS

The following Bar Mitzvahs have been or will be celebrated in our Synagogue:

October 4th — Master Edward Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Davidson.
October 25th—Master Edgar Kulkin, son of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Kulkin
November 8th—Master Barry Riesner, son of Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Riesner.
November 15th — Master William Zev Putterman, son of Cantor and Mrs. David J. Putterman.
November 29th—Master Marvin Levy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max R. Levy.

To the Bar Mitzvahs and their families, The Scroll extends its warmest felicitations and hopes that the young men may attain their highest potentialities in life as Jews and American citizens.

COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OFFERED BY ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Sessions Open Nov. 10 With Social Problems Major Theme

On Monday evening, November 10th, the Committee on Adult Education inaugurates its sixth year of classes, seminars and major lecture course. Stimulating as has been the program of the Committee in the past, this year's projects give promise of excelling those which have gone before.

Major Lecture Course

The major lecture course which is to be given by Rabbi Steinberg will be devoted to the timely and exciting theme, "Current Social Problems in the Light of the Jewish Tradition." Rabbi Steinberg will discuss six of the critical issues facing mankind at the present time. He will analyze the diverse philosophies which bear on them, and from Jewish sources he will indicate where our tradition stands in connection with each. This course is planned to be highly informative but also to give Jewish directive to our thinking, feeling and acting in the tangled problems of our time.

Auxiliary Courses

The full schedule of auxiliary courses is also offered. There will be classes in Hebrew, elementary and intermediate Rabbi Zimet will conduct a seminar on "What Is in the Prayer Book." Cantor Putterman will meet regularly with the Choral Group. Rabbi Steinberg will continue the seminar on "The Problems of the Religious Life" which was offered last year.

Change of Schedule

In order to intensify the carry-over from one meeting to another, the Committee on Adult Education has adopted a new schedule of class meetings. As in the past all classes and courses will be offered on Monday evenings, but instead of the fortnightly interval between meetings which has prevailed, the classes will meet on six continuous evenings from November 10th through December 15th. As in the past each class night will close with a social period and the serving of refreshments.

Extension Activities

The Committee plans to maintain the precedent set in former years of utilizing its tuition fees for the purpose of bringing to the pulpit of the congregation on Friday evenings distinguished lecturers who are by background, training and personal talent, especially equipped to discuss those problems of social, religious and moral import which loom ahead at any given time in the minds of the congregants.

Registration and Fees

Registration for the major course is $2 for members of the congregation, $3 for non-members; for the auxiliary courses $1 per person Registration in the major course is a prerequisite for all the auxiliary courses except the Choral Group. Inquiries as to the Adult Classes should be addressed to Rabbi Steinberg at the Synagogue. Registrations should be sent to Mrs. J. M. Wiener, in care of the Synagogue. Checks are to be made payable to Mrs. Evelyn Berets, Treasurer.

Hebrew Classes for Women

A new departure is being made in connection with instruction to adults in Hebrew. Recognizing that in the main it is women whose Hebrew instruction has been neglected and that many women in our congregation are unable to read the Hebrew tongue and to follow worship properly, the Committee on Adult Education in cooperation with the Sisterhood is planning special classes for women to meet on some week-day morning Hours and days of these meetings will be announced subsequently.

Mid-Winter Institute

On four Monday evenings from January 19th through February 9th the Committee on Adult Education is presenting to the congregation a special institute on "The Aesthetics of Jewish Living." Lectures will be presented on the various aspects of artistic expression in Judaism. In each case a distinguished lecturer, an authority in the field under discussion, will present the topic.

On January 19th Dr. Meyer Schapiro, Professor of Art and Archeology at Columbia University, will speak on "Modern Jewish Art" and illustrate his presentation with slides. On January 26th Miss Rachel Wischnitzer, internationally renowned authority on Jewish artifacts of the past, will speak on "Jewish Art, Ancient and Medieval." Her lecture too will be illustrated with slides. On February 2nd Cantor David J. Putterman and Mrs. Judith Eisenstein will discuss "Jewish Music" — the former the music of the synagogue, the latter folk song. On February 9th an interpretative presentation of the Jewish folk dance will be made by Miss Corinne Chochem and her dance group.

This institute on "The Aestheties of Jewish Living" is being conducted as a distinct unit course. Those who register for the fall semester will be entitled to free admission to the institute. For all others there will be a fee of $1 for the series.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OPENS WITH LARGE REGISTRATION

The new school term started on October 5th and is in full swing. The registration is greater in both the Sunday and Hebrew Schools than in any previous year, the most substantial increase being in our Hebrew School.

We are happy to welcome several new members to our teaching staff. Mr. Samuel Neuschatz, who in addition to his Hebrew and Sunday School classes, will also be in charge of the Junior Congregation services. Other newcomers are Miss Lee Mayo, whose great musical capability has within a few weeks made the music assembly for the Junior classes a most happy experience for the children and Miss Rachel Wiener, who is in charge of one of the Junior classes.

Class Projects

The new system of Class Projects instead of inter-class clubs has instantaneously proved a great success. Everyone who attended services during the last holidays had an opportunity to see the work of the children. A great deal of enthusiasm and effort went into the making of the Table Sukkahs. Such class projects will continue and will embody the class work.

There has been a marked increase of interest by the children in the Keren Ami. A large program is being worked out in this connection by the G. O., the student organization of our school, and it will be in charge of the Keren Ami activities from now on.

OUR CONGREGATION NEEDS . . .

Our Synagogue needs a number of religious supplies which members of the congregation may wish to donate, either in honor of kinsfolk or in memory of departed relatives. The list of needs is as follows:

Sabbath prayer books—$2 each
Humoschim—$2 each
Talethim—$2 each.

Among our other needs — our pulpit should really be equipped for the Festival of Succoth with boxes for ethrogim. Such boxes can be procured either in hand-carved Palestinian wood or in Bezalel silverwork. In each case the gift will be inscribed suitably indicating the donor and the person whose name is honored. Anyone who on reading this notice feels moved to make a contribution is asked to communicate with Rabbi Steinberg.

RED CROSS

When you answer the Red Cross Roll Call will you please send your contribution thru Sisterhood's Chairman, Mrs. Sara Botein, in care of the Synagogue.

TEMPLE TID-BITS . . .

By FAY P. WIENER

Well, we're pounding the Park Avenue beat again, so here goes! HOLY-DAYS CHIT CHAT: The unprecedented clamor for reservations this year, including some frantic telegrams from the four corners of the nation, caused many a heartache and headache. Suggestion for next year—How about seats on the pulpit a la concert fashion? . . . The velvet cushioned pews made synagogue news . . . The savory food scents coming from the adjoining apartment house on Yom Kippur afternoon, smacked of "Fifth Columnist" intrigue. We hope MONROE KARASIK, of the F.B.I., will investigate . . . The pigtail-crowd deluge that stormed the Simchat Torah Service, so that rain checks had to be issued when the supply of candy gave out . . . DID YOU KNOW: That EDWARD MUNVES is head of the Air Raid Wardens of this district . . . That SAMUEL ROSOFF is constructing the most gigantic tunnel ever built in America upon which the New York water works will depend . . . That M. MALDWIN FERTIG, Presidential Candidate for the City Council, is a member of our Adult Classes . . . That the intensely interesting PM write-up on the readjustment problems of former mental patients, solution of which is made possible by the Wender Welfare League, is named after DR. LOUIS WENDER, one of our new members . . . That the nation-wide hook-up of *"Lest We Forget,"* the childrens' program devoted to and stressing the principles of democracy, is written, produced and directed by COL. A. RALPH STEINBERG, another one of our new members . . . SMALL WORLD DEPARTMENT: The MILTON STEINBERGS unexpectedly meeting the LOUIS L. SHAPIROS at the Grand Canyon this summer . . . ASIDE TO SANFORD COHEN: We read of a member of your golf foursome making a hole-in-one. Why couldn't you have been the "Acer," so we could have written a *"hacer maseh"* (hot story) . . . . . HATS OFF: To the Dinner-Dance Committee who are plotting an affair that'll be a bell-ringer . . . To SARA BOTEIN, the Big Boss of the Red Cross . . . To MISS MINNIE ORNSTEIN 'cause every Sabbath morn finds her rushing from Flushing to attend the Cantor's thrushing . . . WHAT'S WHAT WITH THE WHO'S WHO: RALPH T. HEYMSFELD the youngest biggie we've ever known, played host to the Duke of Windsor, the Alfred E. Smiths and other headlining notables. Confidentially Ralph, what's the low-down on the higher-ups?